Dear Gerry, 8/30/90

I've forgotten the details of what I sent to Kevin Walsh and I've learned a little more since then so I'll tell you the whole story and in so doing will have a file copy.

Kevin is a professional criminalist. I've known him since shortly after he got his degree. He has his own agency in Washington now, The Capitol Hill Agency. He was on the staff of the House assassins committee. In the mail one day I got from him, without any covering letter, copies of the Marines records of Roscoe Anthony White. I noticed as soon as I looked at the first few pages that he'd gone to Japan on the same ship on which Oswald went and at the same time. He was classified as an auto mechanic and had such an assignment in Japan. Along with it was an untitled document that I took to be a summary of a book or a TV documentary or both. This turned out to be correct. I wrote Kevin promptly but before he got my letter in the next mail from him there was his investigative report on some checking he'd done on Roscoe and his son, Ricky. Ricky's story is essentially what you know, that his pop was Oswalfs friend and associate (of which there is no proof), that his mother worked for Ruby, which says much about her, and that the late Officer J.D. Tippit was a neighbor and in some version a close friend. Maybe. Roscoe for a while was a civilian on the Dallas police, working, among other things in the various versions, as a photographer, and they became a cop. He resigned after a short while. Along with the story summary were several lists, one of what clearly had been stolen from the police, pictures we all know about and the Commission had. But he made a real hesit! To the uninformed that list alone would be impressive.

From the little that Inside Edition carried of me you know the complete fabrication of how Tippit was killed. That show, by the way, sent a sattelite truck here, with a technical crew and a reporter. I asked how long it would go so I could pace myself and was told you don't buy expensive sattelite time and then not use it - it would be the entire show. I thus was indignant when they cut me off after about 10 minutes and was even more put out when I saw that they used only the first thing I said. They were even more dishonest in dubbing me from a different section, when I was listening, and pretended that I was silent when the lying bitch of a wife made that irrelevant speech at the end of what was aired. I am inclined to think that this was O'Reilly and when I heard his voice and name I remembered that years ago he'd used me on a Conn. TV station he was on. I've not tried to check the files in part because I don't recall the call letters, which is how I'd have filed anything, but maybe he did something then I didn't like and let him know. There has to be some explanation for his dishonesty. I do not think it could have been others on the production staff because the woman who was in touch with me several times phoned me from New York after she saw what they got by ~~xxxxxxxx~~ satellite to tell me how good it was and more, that the two bigshots of that syndication outfit, which includes top shows like Wheel of Fortune, happened to see it and liked it very much. She told me that she was going to propose that they do an entire show on me. I'm not holding my breath! The staff here apparently told them in New York what I have here. They could hardly believe it. But anyway, I did get to say much, much more and it was edited out.

Because Kevin had asked me to keep the stuff about the book/documentary outline confidential I could not flash and quote it but I was lucky and knew enough, as with the Tippit fabrication, to do the scoundrel in. As soon as I knew of the ~~first~~ story and then was told by Gary Mack that there would be a press conference in Dallas I asked a friend on the Balt. Sun to send me what AP had on its main wire. That came just before the TV crew and I'd had enough time to skim it and use a highlighter on what I wanted to spot on camera. That was my source on Ruby and more. This fakir claims he was tipped off by a fellow conspirator (who Kevin located and interviewed and says Ricky is a liar seeking to commercialize the whole thing) who said they were both CIA contract employees and two of the three JFK assassins. The third he said was "Saul" and Saul was in the Courts bldg. and shot from there. They were to have escaped through Red Bird airport. Well, I knew immediately that there could be but a single source for that fiction. Jones Harris, quoted only in Popkin's The Second Oswald. There is also a story on Saul which is also a plagiarism, from Hugh McDonald's Appointment In Dallas.

Many years ago a friend who is a publishing lawyer, rather then was, in New York, phoned me and asked if I'd read a 65-page summary of a JFK assassination book and give him a verbal report by phone. I agreed. And was well paid, by the way. I hadn't gone very far before it was clear that the book was a complete fake. I also was a bit apprehensive about the possibilty that perhaps his publisher was being set up. I've been asked to keep the name confidential but if I could tell you, you'd know immediately that he could have government officials who did not like some of what he'd published, So I asked for and got a small expense allowance, for phone calls only. By the time I was finished I had three versions of the summary. In two versions LBJ was behind the assassination. That was removed in the third, and in the ghost-written book, and I knew why, who suggested it. I know that guy. Bud Fensterwald was the one behind this white fraud, too

There were real people in that book and by coincidence we were friends with the lady friend of the one villainized in the book. He was dead so no libel. We got to meet another who was involved or they'd not have dared use his name. When the lady told him about what I was doing he came up from Washington and took us to dinner and a long talk.

I made my report in person, to the lawyer and publisher, at the lawyer's home, and was asked to accompany them to the conference with McDonald et al the next day. It was at a law firm which had the entire floor of that building for its offices. I said nothing for a long time, just sat and listened and answered if I was asked anything. Then I excused myself to go to the bathroom, but it was really to be out of the room for a while because it turned out that McDonald's agent had briefly been mine, so he knew me and my work and that I'd spot a fake. I learned later that there had been a minor eruption, as I'd expected, and we laughed about that at lunch. After I returned, when the discussion had slacked off, I told McDonald that we both knew that for him to have good sales he'd have to be on talk shows and thet he had something that would get him clobbered. What was that? He had his assassin, Saul, lurking for an hour in a Courts building lady's room - at rush hour- beginning at 11:30 a.m. When the gals started going to lunch and washed up first. You must have misunderstood something Saul told you, I said, without cracking a smile. McD and the agent, John Starr, both thanked me and meant it. And it is our of the book as published! So, I remember the Saul invention and from the AP copy I'd picked up enough to wreck Ricky! Are you beginning to get an idea of what was edited out of Inside Edition?

Bud Fensterwald was behind the whole project of Ricky's. Jim Lesar was worried about that so it was he who got Kevin to go down and investigate. Jim had serious doubts about the whole thing but he, like Kevin later, tended to think there had to be something to it because of the coincidences, both Marines going to Japan on the same boat, the wife working for Ruby, Tippit as a neighbor, etc. Bud is behind an assassination museum/center in Dallas and the man who runs it, Larry Howard, had gone for this crap 100%. Also behind both the center and the story is Gary Shaw, an architect from Cleburne, TX. It did not trouble Shaw a bit that he and a legal investigator (who Kevin says is not licensed) had already proclaimed thei solution - at the convention of the legal-investigators' association. Their solution had it a CIA/mafia job, with Johnny Roselli on the knoll and in charge, Sam Giancana also an assassin and another mafia type whose name I've forgotten. Nice people.

Yes, they are all nuts! and all nice guys.

I don't expect anyone to get seriously interested in White's concoction because both the FBI and CIA had denied there is any truth in it and because what I've only indicated has gotten around. White was, after Inside Edition, on the Larry King TV show and CNN, though. But I will continue to compile a file on it for archival purposes. In addition to the AP copy my Baltimore reporter friend retrieved from the computer another friend sent me a batch I've not yet looked at. In today's mail. He was with CBS News and is now a lawyer. What he sent I suppose if what AP NYC's computer yielded. Also today I got a batch of clippings from Gary Mack. I've not read them but at the top of that stack is the story that AP picked up in Austin. It was written by a reporter I knew ehen he

was on the Dallas Morning News. I'm sure it holds what the Dallas papers carried on White's press conference of last week. Meanwhile, do you need to know any more? Or want any copies? Midland, TX, oil operators, backing White fraud with $ing, air + salary!

Re what you say you saw in the Sanitation strike file, those blind memos, I'd appreciate copies of those that relate to what you mentioned, getting King a bad press after the 3/28 violence. I did make subject copies but don't recall where they are filed and I want to call them to Jerry's attention in the event he overlooked any.

In general, your presumption is correct: the FBI indexed all the names. Made an enormous blacklist. In some instances they made duplicate copies for filing under the index, see name and in some instances merely noted the name on "see" cards. Duplicate filings indicated on Memphis copies.

When the FBI could alleged anything it could present as Communist about any clergyman it did not fail to repeat as often as it could. As I recall they went after Rev. Lawson because he was a peacenik and was going to attend an international conference on peace. The same is true, as you may notice, for any white preaxher with a black flock. The FBI could not see anything innocent in that. Esp. if a liberal.

On the notes on The Murkin Conspiracy, I'll ask Dave if he can get them copied because I'll have to drive into town and have it done commercially, our machine being too costly except for convenience. If he can't we will.

Glad the children enjoyed the article on raccoons. I thought they might after the stories I told them. Good you could get them to the zoo! Nicholas' fascination with ~~xxxxx~~ reptiles reminds me that two of our great-great nephews when as young as he had the same interest. Well, they were, ~~xxxxx~~ the younger one, a year older. He wasn't reading then but his brother was so + got them a book on reptiles for youngsters to read. Little Golden Books, I think.

S/G. Gary Mack's TV station interested in exposing White as a fraud, which I suggested that he arrange to them last night. I don't have any reason to believe that their news staff includes reporters with investigative experience. I told him I'd not take the time to write a report on this but that I'd go over what I've marked up in the file I have, by now thick, or read it + explain it by phone. Too early (3:15 a.m.!) today to hear from them. I've also made other suggestions to him. To do it right they'll have the expense of sending people to West Texas and they may think it isn't worth the cost to them. We'll see.

Oliver Stone said to be interested in a documentary on White's story. Oil men reports formed H.L.T.S.H. corporation for their backing of it. They are to get 25% of the gross for their $100,000 +. H